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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Pierre-Charles ROMOND, et al.

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SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

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FOR: METHOD FOR DETECTING MICRO-ORGANISMS

REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/333,338, filed January 21, 2003, concurrently abandoned, which is the International Stage of Application No. PCT/FR01/02371, filed July 20, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

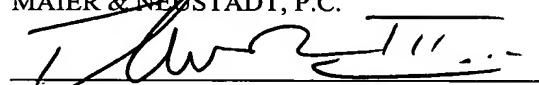
<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
France	00 09600	July 21, 2000
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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/FR01/02371
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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